

15 years or more. I have confidence in their personnel. I want to tell you, however, that they are thorough, and if we send them out to classify these solid waste disposal sites, you are going to find that they are going to come back to you with some horrifying examples. I am confident of that. I do not think that in general that the noninspected sites at the present time are really devastating. I have looked at many of them. I have flown over many of them, purposely so, and find most of them to be handled very well. I think most of our second class cities and villages are doing a good job, I think that in some instances with some cooperation from the department. I can recall prior to the passage of another bill that I believe there were 100 and...someone said 119 licensed disposal sites in the state that had actually gone backward in the last few years because of some of the bills we have passed here. I would just suggest, however, that passage of this bill will create pressure for the passage of 692, and I cannot support 692 in the present form. I have pointed that out to a number of individuals. I believe there should be more emphasis made upon recycling of waste. I believe there should be some more emphasis made upon incineration of hazardous waste. I believe that the solid waste disposal business is one which ought to be phased out if possible. I believe there ought to be better ways of handling this kind of activity. I am convinced, and concerned, I suppose, that our children and our grandchildren will be penalized years from now because we took the low cost way out, and used the landfill method of disposal for much of our solid waste. I can tell you, very frankly, that over the years we have been informed of various methods that were successful for the disposal of waste that were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. As I have said before the committee, I recall a time when a representative of that agency came to my flying operation and suggested that I bury excess DDT which was no longer legal for use in the David City landfill. I refused to do so, and years later DEC came out and picked it up and took it to one of the third world countries and used it to spray mosquitoes. But had I followed the advice of the EPA representative at that time and buried it in the David City landfill, I doubt that I would be admitting it here today because I recognize that I would be responsible for any damage that might have occurred. It brings to mind the question, how much of that kind of chemical was buried in various landfills across the state that is today a sort of a time bomb which will be discovered sometime because those barrels do leak and, eventually, I am sure in many,...